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Presentation to Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Whitman

Subject: Don't Weaken Clean Air Protections, Drop the "Senior Death Discount"

My name is Joan M. Deguire:

I am speaking today as the Florida Representative of Rep America --- Republicans for Environmental Protection.

We have been concerned because this administration has exhibited a tendency of catering to the large corporations and industry and has shown a lack of concern for our environment.

The EPA has the power and responsibility to implement the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Why isn't it happening? Why do our citizens continue to suffer from ~~smog~~ ~~polluting~~ pollution.

*3 yrs ago I was diagnosed with asthma - this wd not be happened if we had less pollution*  
This is Florida, the land of fresh air and sunshine. At least that is what our Chamber of Commerce tells our disappearing tourist trade. Their brochures never mention the decrepit old power plants that have outlived their life expectancy but are still belching black soot out of their stacks. Finally, after years of threats and public intervention they are in the process of cleaning up their act. The process has started - but will it continue?

*yes - in an agreement - I don't want new agreement I just want them to continue & clean up their plants*  
Under the Bush Administration approach, the so called "Clean Skies Initiative", polluters would be allowed to emit more of the smog and soot forming pollution over a longer period of time than the current law. The Administration's air pollution bill introduced in Congress last month proposed to exempt power plants, the largest industrial source of air pollution from Clean Air Act requirements and delays the dates when areas would be required to come into compliance with national air quality standards. →

The EPA use of a new cost-benefit methodology used when evaluating a given public health protection is worthwhile. The Bush Administration's proposed formula assumes a value for saving the life of someone over retirement age at just 63% of the value of saving the life of a younger person. Justifying the relaxation of public health protections

*Mr. Strub - I seen & recall you are the person who assured us that we wd not have a cement plant on a private waterway.*

because of a calculation that a senior citizen's life is worth 63% of a younger American's is unconscionable.

*y may not agree w this but that is the info I have received*

Once the Administration had determined the lower acceptable level of pollution for any site it would be very easy to justify those findings by using mathematical manipulation.

Our environment is in trouble. Very few people in this world are ever in a position to make a difference. You are in that position --- enforce the laws that the people of this country supported, enforce and protect a strong Clean Air Act and make us proud of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*as far as volunteering  
my organ sys for EP is very busy,  
volun To help & encourage ~~my~~ political  
candidates who are environ progressed*